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**IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF THE CAYMAN ISLANDS
FOR HORSES EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES**

The animals must be accompanied by a U.S. Origin Health Certificate issued by a veterinarian so authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and endorsed by a Veterinary Services (VS) veterinarian. The certificate shall contain the name and address of the consignor and the consignee, and individual identification of the animals to be exported. Additional information shall include:

CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS

1. The United States is a country free of foot-and-mouth disease, dourine, glanders (Mal de Caderas), and epizootic lymphangitis.
2. No cases of contagious equine metritis or vesicular stomatitis have been reported to occur in the State of origin during the past six (6) months prior to exportation.
3. The horse/s is/are healthy and clinically free of infectious or contagious diseases.
4. During the 30 days prior to exportation, and insofar as it has been possible to ascertain, no cases of ulcerative lymphangitis, equine influenza, equine infectious anemia (swamp fever), encephalomyelitis, or mange have been reported to occur within a 15 mile radius of the stables where the horses for export were kept.
5. During the 12 months prior to exportation, no cases of equine infectious anemia or of the equine encephalitides have been reported to occur in the county where the horses are stabled.
6. The horse/s was/were vaccinated against the equine encephalitides no less than 30 days and not more than 6 months before shipment.
7. The horses were treated with a suitable agent within 2 weeks of shipment to control ectoparasites (ticks).
8. The horses were treated with a suitable anthelmintic within 2 weeks of shipment to control internal parasites.

TEST REQUIREMENTS

The animals must be tested with negative results to the following diseases within 30 days of export:

1. Equine Infectious Anemia: Agar gel immunodiffusion (Coggins) test

EMBARKATION STATEMENT

At the port of embarkation, a VS port veterinarian shall attach to the U.S. Origin Health Certificate, the Certificate of Inspection of Export Animals (VS Form 17-37) showing:

1. The name and address of the consignor.
2. The name and address of the consignee.
3. The number and species of animals to be shipped.
4. A statement that the animals have been given a careful veterinary inspection at the port of embarkation and found free from evidence of communicable disease and exposure thereto within 24 hours of exportation.

OTHER INFORMATION

1. The animals must be accompanied by an import permit issued by the Chief Agricultural and Veterinary Officer, Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 459, Georgetown, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands. Telephone: 345-947-3090, Fax: 345-947-2634 or 947-6501.
2. Animals must be imported into the Cayman Islands directly from the United States. On arrival at the Georgetown Seaport or Owen Roberts Airport, which will be the sole ports of entry, the animals shall be examined by an inspector, who, at his discretion, may order detention in quarantine or refuse permission for the animal to be landed.
3. The health certificate must be issued within 30 days of arrival.
4. No fodder or litter shall be imported with the animals unless it originated from and was transported directly from the United States.
5. Any shipment containing animals infested with ticks, particularly of the *Amblyomma* species will be denied entry into the Cayman Islands.